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Woman escapes from would-be abductors

FOILED Ottawa police are searching for two men who attempted to abduct a 19-year-old woman near the Carlingwood Mall yesterday.

Around 6:30 a.m., a woman was walking along Woodroffe Avenue when a man jumped out of a vehicle and grabbed her at the intersection of Fox Crescent. The man seized the woman by the arms and shoulders and tried to push her into the vehicle but she resisted and attracted the attention of a nearby man, who called 9-1-1.

The suspects then fled westbound on Fox Crescent. The vehicle is described as a light brown SUV or Jeep-type vehicle.

The passenger is a white male in his late 30s to early 40s, six feet tall, heavy build and clean-shaven with dark brown hair. He was wearing a large-brimmed green hat, a blue t-shirt and dark shorts.

The driver is a white male in his late 20s to early 30s, with dark brown hair, wearing a t-shirt with white and blue or green horizontal stripes. Anyone with information can contact police at 613-236-1222, ext. 5493. METRO OTTAWA

Man repeatedly stabbed in back

INJURIES A man suffered multiple stab wounds to his back yesterday in an attack. The incident at 6:30 p.m. last night on Vick Street, near Carling Avenue, sent a 23-year-old man to hospital with what paramedics deemed non-life-threatening injuries. Paramedics stabilized the man at the scene before taking him to hospital. Police are investigating.

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Living large in a small space

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The condemned south side stands at Frank Clair Stadium crumple and begin to fall yesterday morning after a demolition crew triggered dynamite charges, bringing down the structure in a cloud of dust, seen below.

Demolition crew scores touchdown

Text-book implosion pulls down stadium stands

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At 8 a.m. yesterday, the horn sounded the three-minute warning. Two minutes and 50 seconds later, project manager Chris Kollar started his 10 count.

"I was thinking, 'please work. Please fall forward, please don't damage the other structure,'" Kollar confessed afterwards.

From his position atop the north stands, Kollar triggered 228 dynamite charges that had been wrapped around nine columns supporting the lower south side stands at Frank Clair Stadium.

Nine loud cracks sounded and, eight seconds later, the structure crumpled, from east to west, sending a dust cloud spewing into the air.

Within seconds, the recently condemned, concrete bleachers that had stood for more than four decades at Lansdowne Park were reduced to rubble.

You might call it the last, great touchdown at Frank Clair Stadium. Kollar called it a text-book demolition.

"The upper portion is still standing … it did just what it was supposed to do," he said.

Val St. Germain attended to watch. St. Germain played for the former Ottawa Renegades between 2002 and 2005, and he frequently watched Rough Riders games from the south stands while growing up in Ottawa.

"Someone just said the south side no longer sucks, it blows," St Germain laughed. "It was just good memories growing up in the south-side upper deck, but sometimes you have to get rid of the old to bring in the new. Hopefully this ushers in some nice seating, maybe some corporate boxes and we'll get a team back in a couple of years."

Though nostalgic about losing the south stands — where Ottawa's more boisterous Canadian Football League fans frequently sat — St. Germain was impressed by their demolition.

"It was just amazing to see how precise it was and how quickly it went. It was there and now it's not."

Cleanup of the 4,500 tonnes of rubble started this morning and will be complete within two weeks.

Crushing machines will be brought to the site to separate rebar from the concrete, which will then be loaded into dump trucks and taken for processing into road granular.

R.W. Tomlinson Demolition spokesman Dale Harley said the only material that couldn't be recycled was the vinyl covering on the seats.

Online observers

Nearly 1,900 people tuned in to watch the implosion on the City of Ottawa's web site, according to Robert McNab with Integrating Solutions, the company contracted to produce the webcast.

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PETA approved

"Lettuce Ladies" — clad only in fake lettuce leaves — stopped in Ottawa on the weekend to offer samples of KFC's new faux-chicken soy product as part of a cross-country tour by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) promoting the "cruelty-free" sandwich. CTVOTTAWA.CA

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Urban adventures

Close encounters with tarantulas and snakes, rafting Ottawa's rapids, and working as a team to complete tasks were some of the stops along the Ottawa City Chase on the weekend. Teams completed a series of 10 challenges for a chance to advance to the world finals of the international urban adventure race. CTVOTTAWA.CA

Fast-growing Lebanese fest bursting at seams

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All weekend long, vehicles jockeyed for parking spots around Mooney's Bay.

The parking lot at St. Elias Cathedral hit capacity with Lebanese Festival-goers. The venue was so full that on Saturday, people were refused admittance until the crowds had thinned.

But while the Lebanese Festival's growth is straining its space, patrons and organizers still love the site.

On the final day yesterday, George Dhomas kicked back to savour the bustle. He enjoys walking around, people-watching, hearing the performers (Massari was his favourite) and sampling the food.

"I've been here since it opened; there's still lots of room," he said, adding the venue lets "you see everyone you know."

"It's cozy this way," said Ottawa's Amy Popowich, who attends with her family every year.

But cozy is beginning to border cramped. As the Lebanese Festival wrapped its most successful year yesterday, organizers conceded it may one day have to move. But not yet.

"It's very hard to bring in something better when everything is going so well," said festival coordinator Yolanda Saghbini.

The festival enjoyed a "record-breaking year" for attendance, attracting tens of thousands of people, said Saghbini.

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Christine Idzerda, front, and Leanne Idzerda sample Lebanese pastries on the closing day of the Lebanese Festival at St. Elias Cathedral yesterday afternoon.

Among the highlights were the arguily tents, performers Karl Wolf and Massari and, of course, the cuisine.

"Food is always one of the biggest attractions," she said.

Christine and Leanne Idzerda attended the festival for the first time after hearing about it last year.

"We heard a lot of good things," said Christine.

After getting some pastries, they planned to check out the arts and crafts and music.

The Lebanese community is Ottawa's 12th largest ethnic community, but attracts large Lebanese and non-Lebanese crowds to its festival, said Saghbini.

Everyone enjoys a bit of money

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When Serge Pelletier was a boy, his father, a frequent traveller, brought home coins from his trips.

"My fun was to identify them and find out where they were from," said the Kanata resident.

Forty years later, Pelletier still makes a point of looking for coins on his own travels. And not just the ones that land in his pocket.

Others like him — people who appreciate money for more than its face value — attended Canada's Money Collector Show at Ottawa's Crowne Plaza Hotel. The three-day show, which wrapped yesterday, featured coins, bills and tokens — "anything to do with money," said Pelletier, a member of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association and the City of Ottawa Coin Club.

There are about 20,000 coin collections across Canada, which doesn't include what Pelletier calls "drawer collectors" — people who stash interesting coins when they find them.

Collectors, he said, seek out coins and try to learn more about their specific dates, countries, and even topics.

> **"I like the history behind it."**
> John Siteman, 10

Francois Rufiange, president of the Ottawa Coin Club, collects under several different themes, including wildlife, Canadian five-cent coins, anything that says 'one dollar' on it, and anything else he "finds to be beautiful."

The caveat? It must be in mint condition.

John Siteman, 10, collects British and Canadian coins, particularly coronation medals and anything to do with the monarchy.

"I like the history behind it," he said.

Judy and John Wrobel, of Hamilton, visited Ottawa especially for the convention. "We tried to see some of Ottawa, but it's been hard because of the show," said Judy, who's been collecting for 10 years

The show highlight was the 100-kg, 99999 pure gold Maple Leaf bullion coin that has been Guinness certified as the world's largest gold coin. It is worth $3.2 million.

See photo on Capital Weekend page 4 ››

Woman hits police car

CRASH A 41-year-old woman faces impaired driving-related charges after a car crashed into a police cruiser early yesterday morning.

An Oldsmobile Alero headed northbound on Prince of Wales Drive near Jockvale Road at 2 a.m. crossed the centre line, entered the southbound lane and struck a police cruiser.

There were no passengers in either vehicle and no injuries to the police officer or the woman, but both vehicles were heavily damaged.

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Assault leads to robbery arrest

DOUBLE TROUBLE An 18-year-old male has been charged with assault and an unrelated theft after the victim of a weekend assault went for help at a restaurant that the assailant had allegedly robbed a few days earlier.

A man walking near the Baseline transit station in Ottawa's west end was accosted by three males, demanding he give back a ring. He was struck on the chin by one of the males, but did not suffer injuries. He went to a nearby restaurant to call police.

Awaiting police, the victim described what had just happened to restaurant staff. The description of the male was similar to that of a man who was captured on video stealing two liquor bottles from the establishment a few days earlier.

From the video, police searched the neighbourhood, found the suspect and arrested him. The teen was charged with one count of assault and one count of theft. CTVOTTAWA.CA

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Hit and run footage
Police now say they have surveillance camera footage of the vehicle that hit and killed Mitchell Anderson as he crossed the road at Colonel By Drive and Rideau Street at about 11:15 p.m. on July 13. Police were working on the weekend to enhance the licence plate number. METRO OTTAWA

Transit success stories

Riders supply suggestions for obscured route numbers

OnTrack

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I knew there were some kinks in the OC Transpo system, but I had no idea how bad it was until Councillor Jan Harder set me straight.

Apparently, even though 24 municipalities in Canada successfully accommodate pets on their public transit systems, "similar allowances would not work in Ottawa," Harder states. "These cities have a far more advanced transit system than we do."

You mean like Windsor, Ontario? Population: 323,342, buses: 99, pets: OK. I don't think they're advanced so much as we're really far behind.

In brighter news, On Track readers responded en masse to last week's issue of buses queuing up, making reading the route numbers impossible with some pretty creative solutions.

Nicolas Roome's strategy is to walk down to the middle of the platform while keeping an eye out for any bus that can take him home. The secret to his success? Don't confine your options to one route if you can help it.

Jacob Heilik recommends waiting about one bus-length from the flag making it easier to read the approaching buses and moving up and down the line as necessary. His rule of thumb?

"Buses that have stopped the first time further than three bus lengths from the flag generally make a second stop. I have not been left behind at a stop using this approach. …"

But for some, the above methods are only sporadically successful. Harvey Street suggests OC Transpo adopt this more high-tech solution: "The bus route information is displayed in the side window of the bus just behind the front door … add a second panel (with route number) that swings out when the front door opens and retracts when the bus is in motion."

"Buses that have stopped the first time further than three bus lengths from the flag generally make a second stop. I have not been left behind at a stop using this approach."
On Track reader Jacob Heilik

Robert Long had a similar idea.

"Mount small signage on a rigid surface displaying the route number above the mirror at the front door. Depending on safety regulations, extend it say about 16 inches (40 cm)."

Pure poetry, from one and all.

Speaking of poetry: Whatever happened to Transpoetry? The program was introduced in 2006 and then dumped in 2007 despite being quite popular with riders and poets alike.

Poetry in Transit is funded by the Canada Council. Major cities across Canada take advantage of the program to promote their local poets on their transit systems.

But not this one.

Poetic isn't it?

Nadine Doolittle is an award-winning writer and a public transit user for the past 35 years.

News in brief

SERIOUS COLLISION Highway 17 near Alfred and Plantagenet is closed after a serious collision in which three people were injured yesterday. The two-vehicle collision happened around 9:30 a.m. just east of Alfred, east of Ottawa. One person was airlifted to hospital. The extent of the other victims' injuries is unknown at this time. METRO OTTAWA

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A Capital Weekend

Music, money and more

A Capital **Weekend**

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Karen Tersigni, 19, mulls what she could do with a million dollars as she stands next to the 100-kilogram, .99999 pure Gold Leaf bullion coin (worth $3.2M) at the Canada Money Collector Show in Ottawa.

Improvisational dancer Karine Gagne performed for the sold-out crowd inside the Francodome at Major's Hill Park during 'FrancoForce', held as part of Quebec City's 400th anniversary.

Ottawa native and international pop artist Massari performed for thousands of local fans who jammed the Ottawa Lebanese Festival grounds at St. Elias Cathedral on Saturday night.

Canadian folk singer Ian Tyson, front, took the stage with conductor Earl Stafford and the National Arts Centre Orchestra for the Orchestra in the Park event at LeBreton Flats.

Competitors shoot the rapids during the weekend's City Chase, an urban adventure race in which weekend warriors followed clues to 10 city stations to qualify for the world finals.

Vickie Normandeau, 29, keeps a watchful eye on a Florida corn snake during a challenge at the Ottawa City Chase event on the weekend.

Fallen soldier returning home
Cpl. James Hayward Arnal was killed by a roadside bomb during a foot patrol in Panjwaii district near Kandahar city on Friday. Hundreds of his fellow Canadian soldiers turned out to bid farewell as his flag draped coffin was loaded on to a flight bringing his body back to Canada. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

"It's delayed by the politics of the thing."

Ken Elder, a retired federal government heritage architect, speaking about the ongoing Parliament Hill renovations.

renovations

A recently released Public Works budget pegs the cost of renovating the Parliament Hill buildings at a minimum of $1 billion. The project is slated to take nearly a decade.

Footless body adds new twist

Cops solve part of B.C. mystery

RCMP have solved part of the mystery of the severed feet after matching one pair with a missing Vancouver man, but a new twist emerged this weekend with the disclosure that a footless body was found 16 months ago in Washington state.

Five feet, all in running shoes, have washed up on B.C. shorelines since last August. Sgt. Pierre Lemaitre said yesterday DNA samples confirm two of those feet belonged to a man from the Greater Vancouver area.

His family, who asked for privacy over the weekend so they could inform other relatives, had submitted the samples to the B.C. Coroner's Service. The man was apparently depressed, family members told RCMP.

"At this point, the major crime investigators feel that this is not as a result of foul play"
Pierre Lemaitre

"At this point, the major crime investigators feel that this is not as a result of foul play," Lemaitre said. The RCMP will release more information about the man tomorrow, he said.

The other feet belong to two men and one woman, according to DNA samples, police say.

RCMP and the coroner's office are now awaiting FBI data on a body found with no feet just south of B.C. in the San Juan Islands of Washington state.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Researchers developing aggressive cancer test

TREATMENT U.S. and Canadian researchers have taken steps toward developing a gene test to determine whether a patient's lung cancer is especially aggressive, or whether radical treatment can be avoided.

The researchers reported yesterday that they analyzed lung cancer tissue from 442 people to confirm that measuring the activity of certain genes can help predict early on which cases may be the most deadly and which have a better prognosis. Knowing if a person has an aggressive tumor is critical to choosing a treatment.

REUTERS

1.35
The number of people in the millions who are projected to die from cancer annually.

Quebec City **Paul McCartney concert**

MATHIEU BELANGER/REUTERS

British singer Paul McCartney, right, performs during a concert on the Plains of Abraham in Quebec City, yesterday. The much-anticipated show, McCartney's only scheduled performance in North America this year, is part of Quebec City's 400th birthday bash. Several Quebec sovereigntists had been questioning McCartney's participation because of his British roots.

T.O. cops find three bullet-riddled bodies

TORONTO A killer abandoned an stolen SUV with three bodies inside on a quiet Toronto area street before disappearing into the early morning darkness.

An anonymous 9-1-1 call led police a bullet-riddled vehicle against the curb.

Inside, officers found the bodies of three young men who had been shot repeatedly. None was in the driver's seat.

Homicide Det.-Sgt. Dean Burks said the shootings occurred elsewhere and that the gold-coloured Nissan Pathfinder was driven to the street by someone who fled the scene. The grisly discovery came just hours after police received "credible" information that six to eight men in three vehicles were about to shoot someone in retribution for another shooting.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Family says goodbye to slain model

SHANGHAI Friends and family of Diana O'Brien, a homesick, aspiring model who yearned to return to her Vancouver area, gathered yesterday to remember the young woman and try to come to terms with her violent death in Shanghai.

Diana O'Brien

O'Brien, 22, left Salt Spring Island in late June for what was supposed to be a three-month modelling contract in China. But within two weeks of arriving in Shanghai, she had misgivings about the jobs she was getting and was homesick for Salt Spring Island; she booked a ticket to return home early.

But just days before her flight back to B.C., O'Brien was killed in what Shanghai police say was a botched robbery attempt.

Shanghai police arrested an 18-year-old within five days of O'Brien's killing following intense media attention.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

ENERGY COSTS Energy and environment ministers from across the country will meet in Nova Scotia this fall to work out more ways Canadians can deal with the rising cost of energy. All premier's agreed to the conference at the Council of the Federation meeting held in Quebec City last week.

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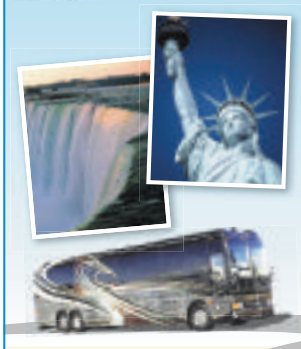

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Planet gets a Polynesian makeover

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World/Business

Obama eyes troop swap

Suggests shifting some forces from Iraq to Afghanistan

U.S. presidential hopeful Barack Obama called the situation in Afghanistan "precarious and urgent" yesterday and said Washington should start planning to transfer more troops there from Iraq.

The Illinois Democrat spoke from Afghanistan on the CBS program Face the Nation after meeting privately with Afghan President Hamid Karzai on an overseas trip meant to bolster his foreign policy credentials.

"We have to understand that the situation is precarious and urgent here in Afghanistan and I believe this has to be the central focus, the central front, in our battle against terrorism," Obama said.

Obama was spending last night in Kuwait where he met the Gulf Arab state's emir, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah. He was due to fly on to Iraq for meetings today.

He is also due to visit Jordan, Israel, Germany, France and Britain on a foreign tour he hopes will help answer Republican criticism that he lacks the experience to be commander in chief.

Obama wants to send two more brigades, or some 7,000 U.S. troops, to Afghanistan and shift the emphasis from what he calls the Bush administration's "single-minded" focus on Iraq.

"There's starting to be a growing consensus that it's time for us to withdraw some of our combat troops out of Iraq, deploy them here in Afghanistan ... Now is the time for us to do it."

If the United States waited for a new administration to take office, it could take a year to boost troop levels, he said.

Adm. Michael Mullen, President George W. Bush's top military advisor as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the situation in Afghanistan was mixed, but not dire.

"I would not say in any way, shape or form that we're losing in Afghanistan," Mullen said on Fox News Sunday.

REUTERS

deadly airstrike

A foreign airstrike killed nine Afghan policemen in western Afghanistan overnight after a clash in which both sides mistook the other for Taliban militants, Afghan officials said yesterday.

Separatists set off five bombs in Spain

ATTACK Five small bombs exploded in northern Spain yesterday, including four at popular seaside resorts in Cantabria which were claimed by the Basque separatist group ETA and sent thousands of people fleeing for cover.

One woman was hurt by a flying stone and another treated for shock after the resort blasts which hit at mid-day. They followed an early morning explosion outside a Barclays bank branch in a town near Bilbao.

The attacks marked the beginning of ETA's traditional summer bombing campaign, which targets holiday resorts as part of the group's four-decade struggle for an independent Basque state.

Many European schools have begun their summer holidays and the attacks are meant to hurt tourism, one of Spain's biggest foreign income earners.

REUTERS

Memorial held for Taser victim

JOYCE YIP
for Metro Canada

POLAND A memorial service was held for Robert Dziekanski in his hometown this weekend, almost one year after he died at Vancouver International Airport.

On Saturday, mourners at a Roman Catholic Church in Pieszyce — a small town in southern Poland — were told by their priest that Dziekanski's death is a warning against the use of Tasers.

Dziekanski was Tasered at least twice by RCMP officers. The incident was videotaped and received attention worldwide.

Waves Storm hits China's coast

CHINA DAILY/REUTERS

People run from big waves caused by tropical storm Kalmaegi hitting a levee in Jiangsu province, China yesterday.

News in brief

COLOMBIA Hundreds of thousands of shouting, weeping and flag-waving Colombians marched yesterday, calling for an end to the kidnappings that have plagued the country during its 44-year-old guerrilla war.

TOURISTS Three German tourists kidnapped by Kurdish separatist guerrillas in eastern Turkey earlier this month have been found abandoned by their captors on a hillside, a Turkish official said yesterday.

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Business

Mattel prevails in Bratz copyright trial

TOY WARS Mattel Inc won a nearly complete victory in its U.S. federal copyright infringement case against rival MGA Entertainment over which toymaker owns the original drawings for the $1 billion-plus US Bratz fashion doll franchise.

The decision could have far-reaching implications if Mattel wins an injunction to stop MGA from selling Bratz, the main rival to its Barbie dolls.

The California jury last week found that the creator of the Bratz dolls, Carter Bryant, created their characters and the name while he was under contract as a Barbie designer at Mattel. Other than four drawings that Bryant testified he made in a notebook while on an eight-month hiatus from Mattel in 1998, MGA lost the rights to all drawings of the Bratz line.

The verdict could be the start of a reversal of fortune for MGA, which grew Bratz from drawings to a multibillion-dollar franchise in seven years as Mattel watched market share for its venerable Barbie line melt away.

REUTERS

MGA's Bratz dolls and a Mattel Barbie Doll, bottom centre, on display in a London store.

News in brief

JOBS Mobile phone maker Sony Ericsson, hit hard by a fall in demand for its more expensive phones, posted a $3.17 million loss for the second quarter and said it would shed about 2,000 jobs. REUTERS

LOANS As the pain of the credit crisis spreads from housing and finance to the economy, small companies warn it is increasingly difficult to obtain loans, which could push the U.S. into recession. REUTERS

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Going Green

Light bulbs

If every Canadian household replaced just one 60-watt incandescent bulb with an Energy Star qualified 20-watt compact fluorescent bulb, the environmental benefit would be equivalent to taking 66,000 cars off the road, according to Greeniology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha.

B.C.'s biodiversity is important for Canada

Province home to thousands of plants and animals

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola

One of my proudest moments came in 1992 at the inaugural Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Along with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (which in turn led to the Kyoto Protocol), a second key outcome of this international meeting was the signing of the Convention on Biological Diversity, a groundbreaking agreement founded on the principle that conserving biological diversity is "a common concern of all humankind." Canada was the first of 189 countries to sign the agreement.

B.C.'s Conservation Framework for protecting wildlife, released on July 9, made me realize, though, that all the agreements in the world won't add up to much if they aren't followed with action. For B.C., the stakes couldn't be higher. The government's new policy was accompanied by research on the health of the province's wildlife and wilderness, which paints a dire picture. Some 1,640 species (or 43 per cent of assessed wildlife) and four "biogeoclimatic zones" (about 5 per cent of B.C.'s land base) are threatened enough to be of conservation concern.

B.C. and Alberta are the only provinces that don't have endangered species laws. But these laws are essential to addressing such a serious problem.

British Columbia needs a clear law to recover wildlife at risk and to protect habitat to prevent species from becoming at risk in the first place. B.C. could look to Ontario, which enacted a new Endangered Species Act in 2007. Although the Ontario law isn't perfect, it includes strong wording for habitat protection and mandatory planning for the recovery of endangered and threatened species.

The loss of biodiversity affects not just the production of commodities like the food we eat, the timber we use to build our homes, and the medicines we use to heal ourselves, but many other so-called "ecosystem services" as well, like clean air and clean water. However, according to the United Nations, two-thirds of the ecosystem services provided by nature are threatened by human actions, such as unsustainable logging, pollution, and global warming.

It's been 16 years since my hopes were raised that humanity was on the right track to creating a world that recognized the importance of biodiversity to human survival. And yet, the crisis in biodiversity has worsened.

The B.C. government, along with all of Canada, still has the opportunity to lead the way. Its new policy for wildlife protection may be a start, but it doesn't match the kind of leadership the province has shown in combating global warming.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at *www.davidsuzuki.org*.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

Biological richness

- B.C. is home to 76 per cent of Canada's bird species, 70 per cent of its freshwater fish, 60 per cent of its evergreen trees, and thousands of other plants and animals. That biological richness makes it a critical part of Canada's overall wealth.

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Help keep our shorelines clean

It's a warm summer evening and you're walking along a sandy beach, arm in arm with your sweetheart. You're enjoying the splendid sunset and the sound of the splashing waves, while cigarette butts wash up between your toes. Not exactly a romantic picture.

The good news is there are lots of ways you and your loved ones can help keep Canada clean and green year-round. TD Friends of the Environment Foundation and the Vancouver Aquarium offer the following suggestions:

- Recycle and clean up your garbage, no matter where you are.
- Properly dispose of cigarette butts and cigar tips.
- Bring reusable bags with you when shopping as a way to reduce the number of plastic bags ending up in landfills or on shorelines.
- Seek out environmentally friendly products.

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Cleanup event

- Join thousands of volunteers across Canada this Sept. 20-28 for the 15th annual TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup. By giving as little as one hour of your time you can ensure our local shorelines and waterways are kept clean, healthy and in good condition for people, plants and wildlife. For more information, see *www.vanaqua.org/cleanup.*

News in brief

FACEBOOK Team GreeNet, two students from B.C.'s Simon Fraser University, have created a Facebook application interface called GreeNet to raise awareness of unsustainable energy consumption. The GreeNet system provides users with an interface that acts as a virtual garden, where their participation in energy-conscious activities effects the growth of plants within that space. In addition to personal energy consumption, the consumption ratings of online friends who also use the GreeNet application are provided for comparison.

WETLANDS The world's wetlands could release a planet-warming "carbon bomb" if they are destroyed, ecological scientists said yesterday. Wetlands contain 771 billion tons of greenhouse gases, one-fifth of all the carbon on Earth and about the same amount of carbon as is now in the atmosphere, the scientists said before an international conference linking wetlands and global warming. Wetlands are not just swamps: They also include marshes, peat bogs, river deltas, mangroves, tundra, lagoons and river flood plains.

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MLB

The San Francisco Giants traded second baseman Ray Durham to the Milwaukee Brewers yesterday for outfield prospect Darren Ford and left-handed pitcher Steve Hammond. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Wozniak wins WTA event

Canadian qualifier Aleksandra Wozniak, left, captured her first WTA title by defeating sixth seed Marion Bartoli 7-5, 6-3 in the final of the Stanford Classic yesterday. Wozniak became the first Canadian woman to win a title since 1988. The native of Blainville, Que., is projected to break into the world's top 50 when the new rakings are released today. REUTERS

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Harrington repeats as Open champion

Irishman ends veteran Norman's dream

Padraig Harrington, playing one of the best rounds of his life, defied strong gusting winds to complete a successful British Open title defence with a commanding four-shot victory yesterday.

After duelling for supremacy with overnight leader Greg Norman on the front nine, Irishman Harrington broke clear of the pack with birdies on 13 and 15 to tighten his grip on the coveted Claret Jug.

In glorious late afternoon sunshine at Royal Birkdale, the 36-year-old struck a majestic second shot to just three feet at the par-five 17th, setting up an eagle to put the championship beyond the reach of his rivals.

Harrington, whose title defence was in doubt at the start of the event because of an injury to his right wrist, parred the last for a one-under 69, a three-over tally of 283 and his second major victory.

"I really felt good out there," a beaming Harrington told reporters after covering the back nine in a four-under 32. "I hit the ball probably every bit as solid as I've ever hit it.

"Very few people have won back-to-back majors. Coming into this week I was trying to play that down but winning a second one does set you apart. There are less people in that club.

"It was a fantastic experience coming down the 18th knowing I had won the Open," added the Dubliner, who will rise to a career-high third in the world rankings today.

Britain's Ian Poulter, helped by three birdies in the last 10 holes, also signed off with a 69 to secure second place at seven over.

Australian Norman, bidding to become the oldest major champion at 53, had to settle for a tie for third at nine over after squandering a two-shot overnight lead and a one-stroke advantage with nine holes remaining.

The former world No. 1 bogeyed his first three holes en route to a 77.

"Obviously I'm disappointed," said Norman. "That would be an understatement if I didn't say I was disappointed. But it was a tough day today." REUTERS

ANDREW REDINGTON/GETTY IMAGES

Padraig Harrington celebrates with the Claret Jug after winning the 137th British Open yesterday at Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport, England.

Redskins acquire Taylor to fill hole

NFL The Washington Redskins filled the void left by Phillip Daniels' season-ending injury by trading for star defensive end Jason Taylor from the Miami Dolphins.

Taylor

In exchange for Taylor, Miami will receive Washington's second-round selection in 2009 and sixth-round pick in 2010.

Taylor, 33, has spent his entire 12-year career with the Dolphins.

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Sports in brief

RACING McLaren's Lewis Hamilton won a thrilling German Grand Prix yesterday to forge four points clear of Ferrari's Felipe Massa at the top of the Formula One championship. Hamilton now has 58 points to Massa's 54. Ferrari's world champion Kimi Raikkonen has 51.

CYCLING South African industrial group Barloworld will end their cycling team sponsorship after the Tour de France following a positive dope test by one of their riders on the three-week race. REUTERS

LOTTERIES

Friday, July 18, 2008
Lotto Super 7 9, 11, 12, 22, 34, 35 & 37. Bonus 7.
Pick-3 6 5 9
Pick-4 9 9 6 2
Encore 5669848
Daily Keno 3, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 23, 26, 34, 38, 39, 40, 45, 60, 61, 65, 67, 70.

Saturday, July 19, 2008
Lotto 6/49 10, 20, 28, 36, 40 & 46. Bonus 23.
Ontario 49 2, 11, 23, 38, 45 & 49. Bonus 4.
Lottario 9, 19, 22, 24, 41 & 44. Bonus 37.
Early Bird 14, 15, 26 & 33.
Pick-3 5 1 9
Pick-4 4 5 7 8
Encore 6747304
Daily Keno 4, 11, 13, 14, 16, 22, 23, 25, 26, 32, 35, 37, 42, 45, 46, 50, 52, 54, 58, 65.

Sunday, July 20, 2008
Ontario Pick 3 0 5 0
Ontario Pick 4 6 8 2 2
Encore 4472504
Daily Keno 3, 4, 11, 12, 26, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 40, 41, 53, 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68.

Results not official

SCOREBOARD

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	57	40	.588	—
Boston	57	42	.576	1
N.Y. Yankees	53	45	.541	4½
Toronto	48	50	.490	9½
Baltimore	47	50	.485	10

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	55	42	.567	—
Minnesota	55	43	.561	½
Detroit	49	49	.500	6½
Kansas City	45	54	.455	11
Cleveland	43	54	.443	12

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Angels	59	38	.608	—
Oakland	51	47	.520	8½
Texas	51	48	.515	9
Seattle	38	60	.388	21½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
N.Y. Mets	53	46	.535	—
Philadelphia	53	46	.535	—
Florida	52	46	.531	½
Atlanta	46	52	.469	6½
Washington	38	61	.384	15

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	58	40	.592	—
St. Louis	57	43	.570	2
Milwaukee	55	43	.561	3
Cincinnati	48	52	.480	11
Houston	46	52	.469	12
Pittsburgh	44	54	.449	14

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Arizona	48	50	.490	—
Los Angeles	48	50	.490	—
Colorado	43	57	.430	6
San Francisco	40	58	.408	8
San Diego	37	62	.374	11½

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Toronto 9 Tampa Bay 4
Cleveland 6 Seattle 2
Detroit 5 Baltimore 1
Kansas City 8 Chicago White Sox 7
N.Y. Yankees 2 Oakland 1
Texas 1 Minnesota 0
Boston at L.A. Angels

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago Cubs 9 Houston 0
Colorado 11 Pittsburgh 3
Florida 3 Philadelphia 2 (11 ings)
L.A. Dodgers 6 Arizona 5
Milwaukee 7 San Francisco 4
N.Y. Mets 7 Cincinnati 5 (10 ings)
St. Louis 9 San Diego 5
Washington 15 Atlanta 6

TONIGHT'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05
Toronto at Baltimore, 7:05
Oakland at Tampa Bay, 7:10
Detroit at Kansas City, 8:10
Texas at Chicago White Sox, 8:11
Cleveland at L.A. Angels, 10:05
Boston at Seattle, 10:10

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 7:05
Atlanta at Florida, 7:10
San Diego at Cincinnati, 7:10
Pittsburgh at Houston, 8:05
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 9:05
Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 9:40

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Montreal	2	2	0	4
Toronto	2	2	0	4
Hamilton	1	3	0	2
Winnipeg	0	4	0	0

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	GB
Saskatchewan	4	0	0	8
Calgary	3	1	0	6
Edmonton	2	2	0	4
B.C.	2	2	0	4

WEEK 4

YESTERDAY'S RESULT
Toronto 35 Edmonton 31

SATURDAY'S RESULT
Saskatchewan 41 Montreal 33

FRIDAY'S RESULT
B.C. 27 Winnipeg 18

THURSDAY'S RESULT
Calgary 43 Hamilton 16

BASEBALL

CAN-AM LEAGUE GAMES FEATURING THE OTTAWA RAPIDZ:

YESTERDAY'S RESULT
Nashua 6 **OTTAWA** 2

TONIGHT'S GAME
Atlantic City at **OTTAWA**, 7:05

Joseph rallies Argonauts to win

ARGONAUTS 35 ESKIMOS 31

Kerry Joseph scampered for the game-winning touchdown run to cap a 109-yard drive with less than a minute remaining, as the Toronto Argonauts came away with a thrilling 35-31 comeback win in the back end of a home-and-home against the Edmonton Eskimos

Joseph was brilliant with his arm and his legs, throwing for 343 yards and a touchdown on 22-of-38 efficiency and rushing for 118 yards and the go-ahead score.

Rookie James Robinson, who made his CFL debut in last week's 47-28 loss to Edmonton, recorded 10 receptions for a whopping 194 yards and a TD. Dominique Dorsey added 62 yards on the ground to go with a touchdown run.

Joseph

Edmonton's Ricky Ray finished with 295 yards and a touchdown on 20-of-33 passes. Fred Stamps was a recipient of five balls for 112 yards and a score, while Kamau Peterson hauled in four catches for 103 yards. A.J. Harris compiled a team-high 52 rushing yards on nine carries, as the Eskimos fell to 2-2 on the year.

Trailing 31-28, the Argos took the ball at their own goal-line with less than two minutes left in the game. Using quick strikes in the passing game, Toronto worked its way down the field and were aided by a roughing the passer penalty.

On the 11th play of the drive, Joseph called his own number and rushed through the right side of the offensive line, somersaulting over defenders and into the end zone for the 13-yard game-winning touchdown.

The 109-yard drive lasted just one-minute, 16 seconds.

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Environment
Beijing opened two new subway lines on Saturday, just in time to carry passengers banned from their cars at the Olympics. REUTERS

Beijing Games

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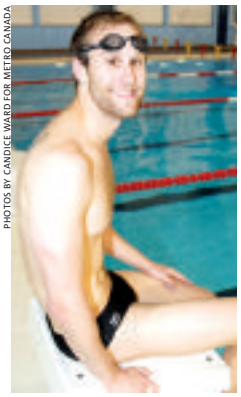

Canadian Olympic swimmer Adam Sioui is no stranger to the financial struggles of being a high-performance athlete.

'It's been a struggle'

Financing career as an athlete has been tough, swimmer Sioui says

NEIL MACKINNON
Metro Canada

Chasing girls got Adam Sioui into the pool and sustained satisfaction kept him there, but it was parental pocketbooks that provided him buoyancy for 17 years.

Canadian Sport Centre's Casey Peirce said the "image of the 'poor starving athlete' is now pretty much a myth," and while Sioui's ribs aren't sticking together, he humbly begs to differ.

"It has definitely been a struggle," said Sioui, a three-event swimming representative for Canada in Beijing. "If my parents weren't there to give me money, to give me support of all kinds, it's hard to say, but I don't think I would have made it to this level."

His mother, Lori, Beijing-bound along with his father Stephen and sister Devon, said she "can't even begin to guess" how much dough freely flowed from family coffers and spilled into her son's career.

She doesn't want to know, either.

"We always found the money somewhere, we never regretted spending one dime because as a parent, when your child is into something like that, you just find ways to make it work," she said. "Now that he's accomplished his dream, it's all worth it."

In February, the federal government pledged $20 million for Summer Olympic-calibre athletes over the next two years and $24 million every year thereafter.

Only $8 million will hit bank accounts in 2008. That's a far cry from the $110 million committed in the Own The Podium program for Vancouver 2010, and too late for Canada's Beijing medal hopefuls such as Sioui, the NCAA's 2002 butterfly champ as a freshman on full scholarship at the University of Florida, who has seen the best and worst of times.

At the age of 18, with nine years' experience tucked into his Speedo, the 6-foot-6 swimmer missed the 2000 Olympics by three-tenths of a second. It was the first time he'd ever missed a target time, and the first time he'd failed to make a team.

A lack of confidence evaporated his second Olympic trial try in 2004, missing the mark by six-tenths of a second.

"I needed a fresh start, a fresh outlook, swimming just takes you over ... and if you don't have a balance in your life, it can be detrimental to a fault," he says.

After moving to train at the University of Calgary two years ago, the Trenton, Ont., registered Huron Tribe member got his fresh start, his "last shot unless something miraculous happens."

He's in the best form of his career and his coach, Jan Bidrman, who will be on deck in Beijing, said the 4x200-metre freestyle relay medal contender is one of the best swimmers the University of Calgary has "ever seen," putting him in the ranks of Curtis Myden, three-time Olympic bronze medallist.

A part-time job would have derailed his Olympic dreams "because swimming is pretty close to a full-time job at this level," he says.

"I definitely couldn't have done this alone."

by the numbers

$21,000 The rough amount Adam Sioui receives in grants from agencies.

1:57.98 Sioui's eight-year-old Canadian record-smashing time in the 200-metre butterfly, which was set at the Beijing Olympic Trials.

9 The age at which Sioui, now 26, started swimming with the Dolphins club.

2 The amount of time in weeks that Sioui took off from swimming last year.

60 -km is his average weekly swim.

Germany rounds out hoops field

BASKETBALL Germany won the final qualifying spot for the men's tournament in Beijing with a 96-82 win over Puerto Rico yesterday.

Germany joins Croatia, which knocked out Canada on Friday, and Greece, who both qualified on Saturday, in the 12-team field.

Dallas Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki led Germany with 32 points.

Healthy Hamm bound for Beijing

GYMNASTICS Olympic all-round champion Paul Hamm confirmed his place in the U.S. gymnastics team for the Beijing Games on Saturday after proving he had recovered from a broken right hand, officials said.

In the 2004 Games, Hamm became the first American to win the men's Olympic all-round gold medal. He also won two silvers. REUTERS

Sports in brief

BEACH VOLLEYBALL Toronto's Mark Heese, a bronze medallist in 1996, and Ahren Cadieux have failed to qualify for Beijing. The pair needed to place in the top 10 last week in France in the final qualification tournament, but placed 17th.

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Tomorrow's lineup

INSTANT ATTRACTION It took Tracy Cameron less than a week in a scull to decide rowing was going to take her to the Olympics. Pick up tomorrow's Metro for more.

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New chancellor for VIU

Chief Shawn Atleo was appointed as the first chancellor of the new Vancouver Island University (formerly Malaspina University-College) recently. Chief Atleo serves as the Regional Chief of B.C. to the Assembly of First Nations, and is a member of the AFN Executive Committee. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Rocky schools

The presidents of Selkirk College, Okanagan College and the College of the Rockies have formed a partnership to provide programs to students living in the province's interior regions. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Melding science and art

65 million-year-old bones are subject of dinosaur caster's day job

OddJobs

In 1977, the paleontology department at Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum wanted a technician who could mould and cast fossils. Fresh out of the fine arts program with a specialization in sculpture at the University of Guelph, Peter May thought he could do the job.

At the interview, however, he just wanted to get his hands dirty on the museum's new technology. "I didn't care about the job, I just wanted to know how they were making moulds." Soon, he had dust all over his good suit. "I don't know anything about dinosaurs," he told the interviewer. "Don't worry, it'll come," he was told. May was hired on the spot.

Now, nearly 30 years later, 53-year-old May runs Trenton, Ont.'s Research Casting International, one of the few companies in the world that moulds and casts dinosaur bones and other fossils, and mounts full museum installations. Over the last twenty years, he and his staff have worked on 250 museum exhibits around the world, including the Barosaurus "Gordo" at the ROM and the dinosaur exhibit at the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa.

Back in 1986, while he was working as the ROM's head technician, May started getting calls from other museums. May would rent space to put together a dinosaur or fossil exhibit, and would shut down until the next job. "One day it never shut down," says May. Eventually, he left the ROM — business was booming as many museums didn't have the proper ventilation to do work that created fumes.

May recently moved his 20-employee company to a 48,000-square-foot site in Trenton. Here, staff can start with a dinosaur bone still stuck in rock and extract it using chisels, picks and mechanical equipment.

One of the only places in the world that casts dinosaur bones for museums is in Trenton, Ont.

They then harden and preserve the fossil with liquid plastic. To duplicate the bone for an exhibit, staff makes a mould out of plastic and fill it with fibreglass, epoxy or cement. The bone's then painted and May's blacksmith — one of his few highly trained staff members, most others learn on the job just like he did — creates the metal armature to put the animal together.

After staff assembles the dinosaur, they send pictures out to expert to make sure the bone placement and pose are correct. In modular parts, the animal gets crated up and shipped the museum, where staff will put it back up again.

The Lowdown

Dinosaur Caster

- **Salary:** Up to $25 an hour
- **Education:** Anything from a degree in English to fine arts to blacksmith training will do — you learn mainly on the job
- **Best Part of the Job:** "Mounting the skeleton. As you're working on the skeleton, you're thinking about the animal, what it was doing."
- **The Worst Part of the Job:** "Hitting a deadline. The museum exhibit is going to open on a given day, and you have to be done. Sometimes when that day comes and we don't have all the information we need, it can become a scramble."

These days, May spends most of his time running the company. But every once in awhile he feels the need to get his hands dirty, so he goes down to the floor to help mould or mount a dinosaur when a deadline is pressing. "It's exciting work. It's working with your hands and being creative. The melding of science and art."

Diane Peters is a professional journalist and instructor at Ryerson University's School of Journalism in Toronto.

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Recent grads in high demand

Nearly two-thirds of global employers will be hiring recent graduates, a new survey from recruiting firm Korn/Ferry International has found. Sixty-five per cent said they would hire the same number or more new graduates than in previous years. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Best friends bring business into mix

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
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Television producers Connie Contardi and Jocelyn Mercer are proof positive that sometimes best friends make the best business partners.

RAFAEL BRUSILOW/FOR METRO CANADA

Jocelyn Mercer, left, with Connie Contardi are best friends and business partners, which paid off with Mr. Friday.

The two ambitious 28-year-olds, who just hit the big time with their reality show Mr. Friday premiering on the Slice network this month, finish each other's sentences and share plenty of hearty guffaws in the production office of their company, CJ Mercon Productions. Mercer explains the key to staying grounded is keeping sight of the bigger picture.

"No matter what we go through as partners, we do it because we want to, not because we have to," Mercer said.

Contardi and Mercer both agree having similar tastes goes a long way to making it easy to work together.

"Nine out of 10 times we're creatively on the same page — we tend to gravitate towards the same ideas and concepts," Contardi said.

Laughing at the same jokes or enjoying the same movies creates a powerful connection that carries over to their work, Contardi says. For Mercer, that's one advantage friends have in the work environment — they are already inclined to work well together.

"We both really respect each other and trust each other so we find a way to work it out. At the end of the day the most important thing to us is our friendship," Mercer said.

Appropriately, their show Mr. Friday was born out of friendship as well. Derek Friday, the star of the reality show about a rich kid who trades lives with working-class people for a day, is a longtime friend of Mercer's. She got the idea for the show by seeing Friday's glamorous life as a model and trust-fund baby living off his parents' considerable wealth. When his mother threatened to take away Friday's fortune unless he took pains to learn the value of honest, hard work, Mercer knew she and Contardi had a killer premise for a show. Contardi describes it as "a cooler, hipper Dirty Jobs" with an uplifting turn since while Friday gets down and dirty in jobs at the zoo, a kick-boxing gym or cleaning ditches, the lucky "swapee" gets pampered in luxury for a day.

Slice ordered 13 episodes for the series and the show's production was made possible by a partnership with experienced production house Temple Street Productions. Now Contardi and Mercer are already hungrily pursuing new show ideas. Their brainstorm sessions benefit from the zany sense of humour they share.

"We love to have fun and act like we're 10. We're both very impatient and driven and we like to think big." Mercer said.

Mercer and Contardi also say being able to pursue a career alongside a best friend is its own reward.

"To get to share the success you've had with somebody you love is really what life is all about," Mercer said.

married to work

Both women admit they spend almost every waking moment working and coming up with new ideas — they even bought each other symbolic engagement rings since they're so "married" to their work.

Commute forces many sacrifices

The impact of escalating fuel costs has taken its toll on many commuters. Of the 89 per cent of workers who said they drive to work, nearly half (47 per cent) reported they had to give up something in order to afford the gas needed for their commute. This is according to *CareerBuilder.com's* latest survey completed in June 2008 of more than 8,700 workers nationwide.

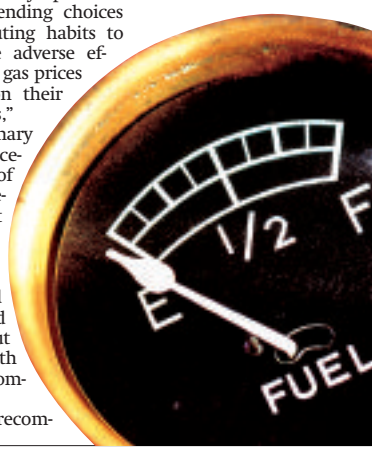
When asked to identify what they had to forego in order to accommodate higher fuel prices, workers reported they:

- Ate out less, 35 per cent;
- Spent less money on entertainment, 31 per cent;
- Bought less expensive groceries, 27 per cent;
- Shopped for clothes less, 24 per cent;
- Did not go on vacation, 21 per cent;
- Eliminated cable, magazine subscriptions, etc., 11 per cent;
- Did not attend a function where they would be expected to bring a gift, 9 per cent;
- Cut back on their child's extracurricular activities, 4 per cent.

"Today's workers have had to modify personal budgets, spending choices and commuting habits to manage the adverse effects today's gas prices have had on their pocketbooks," said Rosemary Haefner, vice-president of human resources at *CareerBuilder.com*. "One-in-10 workers said they would take a pay cut for a job with a shorter commute."

Haefner recommends the following tips to stretch your commuting dollars:

- Check for office perks: Twelve per cent of workers reported their employers offer some form of financial reimbursement for the commute.
- Try carpooling: Not only does carpooling promote a healthier environment, it also contributes to a healthier bank account. Eight per cent of workers said they catch a ride to the office with co-workers. Of these workers, 22 per cent estimated they save more than $50 per week carpooling.
- Take mass transit: Catching a bus or train can cut down on costs and travel times. Seven per cent of workers said they are taking public transportation to and from work instead of driving due to rising energy costs.
- Telecommute: The cheapest way to travel is no travel at all. More employers today are offering flexible work arrangements and may accommodate a work-from-home request.
- Get in shape: Take advantage of the warm weather to walk or ride your bike to work. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Desperate ending

Desperate Housewives creator Marc Cherry has set a deadline for the hit show to come to an end — insisting the program will definitely finish in 2011. "We're going to get out while people still like us," he said. IMDB.COM

Entertainment

Lennon project

John Lennon's upbringing is to be the subject of a new film. Nowhere Boy will examine Lennon's formative years and the influence his aunt and parents had on his talent for music. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the weekend beginning on July 18:

1. **The Dark Knight:** $155.3 million US
2. **Mamma Mia!:** $27.6 million
3. **Hancock:** $14 million
4. **Journey to the Center of the Earth:** $11.9 million
5. **Hellboy II: The Golden Army:** $10 million
6. **WALL-E:** $9.8 million
7. **Space Chimps:** $7.4 million
8. **Wanted:** $5.1 million
9. **Get Smart:** 4.1 million
10. **Kung Fu Panda:** $1.8 million

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box office record

Batman opening tops Spider-Man

MOVIES The new Batman movie The Dark Knight smashed the weekend record set by Spider-Man 3 last year, selling an estimated $155.3 million US worth of tickets during its first three days of release across the United States and Canada, distributor Warner Bros. Pictures said yesterday.

The hotly anticipated film, co-starring late actor Heath Ledger as the Joker, surpassed the $151.1 million haul for Spider-Man 3 during its first weekend in May 2007. REUTERS

In brief

TV Shannon Doherty's former co-star Tori Spelling says she is excited the actress will be joining the upcoming Beverly Hills, 90210 spinoff. News that Doherty has joined the new cast, "is amazing," says Spelling. PEOPLE.COM

MVP called up for DVD

Cancelled CBC hockey series finds success on U.S. soap opera channel

VERONICA BOODHAN
for Metro Canada

Fans of MVP: The Secret Lives of Hockey Wives, can now watch the first season as many times as they wish, with the show's DVD now available in Canada.

"It's all part of the next chapter in the MVP story. The show that just won't die," said Dillon Casey, who plays rookie hockey player Trevor Lemonde.

The show is a fictional take on the lives of hockey players as well as their wives and girlfriends, when they are off the ice.

After being cancelled on CBC, the series found new life on ABC's SOAPnet, a U.S. cable subscription television channel. The first season is being broadcast on the channel, broadening the show's fan base.

While the future of the show is still up in the air, Joanne Dullard of Screen Door, the production company currently representing the series, is looking forward to what will become of the series.

MVP: The Secret Lives of Hockey Wives, starring Dillon Casey as a rookie hockey player, is now available in stores on DVD.

"We're very hopeful for the future of MVP. It's being well-received in the U.S. and we're thrilled with the success on ABC's SOAPnet."

After being scheduled on CBC's Friday night schedule, the series was moved to Tuesday at 9 p.m., where it was up against American Idol on CTV. The show was eventually cancelled due to poor ratings.

"I just felt we never really got a fair showing to let the country see who we were and what the show is about," said Deborah Odell, who plays one of the lead roles as Evelyn McBride in the series.

Now that the show has transitioned from CBC to SOAPnet, MVP is now being considered a soap opera. But Casey believes MVP is different than some of its competitors.

"It doesn't try to be something that it's not. It's very edgy, Canadian television," he said. "It just goes for it. It's very risky; it's got a lot of good characters, very strong women and just explores the world (of hockey)."

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Dillon Casey

While the show has not officially been picked up for a second season, Dullard believes the release of the DVD, which features bonus features such as behind-the-scene footage, cast interviews and a photo gallery, will be successful.

"Fans are crazy for MVP and they really want the second season so (the DVD) gives them their taste for now."

The DVD is now available in stores.

Make the most of those tiny living spaces

Fancy, ahem, cramming in a little extra where you, ahem, need it most? Stick with us kids — we've got it sorted. However crammed your house or tight your condo, here's how to max up and make it — at least feel — far more commodious.

Be flexible

Use 'smart' double duty furniture such as sofas which unfold into beds, coffee tables that raise to become dining tables or upholstered ottomans with removable tops that would make the perfect seat, toy box or foot stool.

Make a wheel difference

Position wheeled storage cubes, side lamps atop, either side of your sofa for a slick modern esthetic. Fancy a change? Remove lamps and push into the centre of your space to make the perfect coffee table. But there's more — lift the lids for immediate access to magazines, books and newspapers.

Small-scale thinking

To maximize space, lose that big PC in favour of a small, slim laptop that can be stored away when not in use. Or swap elaborate outsize squashy chesterfields for smaller compact sofas and chairs.

Behind closed doors

We recently created a glorious white galley kitchen in a tiny London condo and, because our client works from home, assigned one side of the room to food prep and the other to his stock market business. On first glance the long white room looks like kitchen heaven, however open doors on one side and computer, files and photocopier suddenly appear. What's more, a section of worktop pulls out by 18 inches to create a handy desk where our chap can go about his business! Close the doors, push back the counter and culinary calm is restored.

Downstairs ...

Don't ignore one of your biggest assets! Instead, dive below into the great Canadian basement to create awesome possibilities. Rather than languish in what's little more than a dank messy storage zone, consider the benefits of a finished basement. We're thinking guest suite, home office, children's play room, spa bathroom. The choice is — and the added flexibility will be — yours!

Colin & Justin's The Home Show airs Tuesdays at 9 p.m., Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. ET on HGTV. www.hgtv.ca

double duty

Here's a list of double-duty items to help you shop smart!

Storage ottoman — seating, storage & table all in one.
Stackable chairs — enough said!
Sofa bed/Murphy bed — a guest suite in minutes and no extra room required.
Coffee table with stashable stools — additional seating when you need it most.
Extendable dining tables — office / work space as required.
Kitchen storage bench — cook books and baking trays housed casually within kitchen table seating.
Armoire — use as multi-media housing, TV disguise or clothes storage. Particularly good for bedroom offices — and don't forget to pin sleeves to the inside of doors to stash flat files, etc.
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The Barenaked Ladies have pulled out of a children's charity show organized by Walt Disney Co. after lead singer Steven Page was charged with possessing cocaine, the band said in a statement posted on its website Friday. REUTERS

Undeclared short, but sweet

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FRANK MICELOTTA/GETTY IMAGES

Jay Baruchel fondly remembers the short-lived show Undeclared.

REVENGE IS SWEET: While interviewing Jay Baruchel for Just Buried, his latest film, I couldn't resist asking the Montreal native about his experiences on Undeclared, the short-lived Fox series that lasted just 17 episodes in the fall of 2001 before being canceled by the axe-happy network.

He jumped on the subject with relish, clearly able to get past the bad memories of the show's ignominious end and enjoy the reputation the show now enjoys, and the success that its cast — which included Baruchel alongside Seth Rogen and Jason Segel — and creator, Judd Apatow, have enjoyed since then.

"It was my introduction to America with the exception of the three days of work I did on Almost Famous," Baruchel recalls. "I was like, 'Oh, we're going to rehearse and improvise, and what character am I playing? You're basing the character on me? That's fucking crazy. Literally there were no characters. We rehearsed for three weeks in workshops and they based the pilot on that. Which is pretty uncommon, you're never given that much freedom. And then throughout the shooting of the series, every actor, every writer, every director was like 'This is the best show on television, isn't it?' I can't tell you how much that informs the work when everybody — it's different to say it than to generally know it, and we generally knew that we were funnier and stronger than anything else on TV, so I can't tell you what that feels like, making a show like that."

Things got bad fast, though, and when Apatow wasn't fending off witless "notes" sent down from production executives, Fox was preempting the show for sports events or reruns of That '70s Show, its lead-in, and showing episodes out of order. With the announcement of That '80s Show, Baruchel and the cast saw the writing on the wall.

"We went to this Fox party, which they were trying to make like our farewell thing — they said 'You guys can come — we'll give you one more party you can show up to.' We show up and it's all purple lighting and there are Madonna impersonators walking around and Michael Jackson impersonators, and I was like, 'We're really getting canceled, aren't we?' I can't think of something that's more an antithesis of Undeclared than That '80s Show."

Undeclared might have been canned after 17 episodes, but its DVD box set is a cherished item — a status the three aired episodes of That '80s show will never enjoy, and Baruchel says that he still gets a kick out of gloating about it all.

"Anybody who tells you any different is lying. Very much so. As petty as it sounds, there are few things that feel as good as watching somebody that has the power to make or break careers eating crow and humble pie. I know how it tastes; I'd like them to tell me how it tastes. I always want to hear it from them."

GONE FISHING: That's it for me for two weeks, while I retreat to a cabin overlooking the Bay Of Fundy with no television. See you all in August.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Showtime eyes Falco series

NEW SHOW Showtime is close to giving a series pickup to an untitled dark comedy starring Edie Falco. The Sopranos veteran plays a strong-willed, iconoclastic New York nurse juggling the frenzied grind of an urban hospital and an equally challenging personal life. REUTERS

Edie Falco

In brief

DRAMA Actor William Petersen's exit from the CBS hit CSI: Crime Scene Investigation opens the door for a new character to join the show's crime-busting team — only this one just could be a crazed killer. The show's new addition will be a scientist with a dark secret — his genetic makeup is similar to that of known killers.

MUSIC After moving nearly 3 million copies of its 2005 debut album, Extreme Behavior, Oklahoma City rock band Hinder is eyeing another big release with its new album, Take It To The Limit. The disc, due Nov. 4, is already off to strong start with the single Use Me. REUTERS

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critics'corner

Footbinding: Search for the Three Inch Golden Lotus
The binding of women's feet, a centuries-old custom in China, was banned in 1911 but didn't completely disappear until the 1930s. In this documentary, Chinese-Canadian filmmaker Yue-Qing Yang, whose mother, aunt and grandmother had bound feet, travels to China in an effort to learn why women persisted in carrying on the painful ritual, talking to women in remote parts of the country as well as her mother and aunt back home. 11 PM on 61 V

The Big Bang Theory
Uh-oh. Trouble in nerd paradise! The organizers of a physics conference invite Sheldon and Leonard (Jim Parsons, Johnny Galecki) to give a presentation on their joint findings. Sheldon, however, wants no part of it. When Penny (Kaley Cuoco) tries to help the roomies resolve their differences, she just makes things worse. Kunal Nayyar also stars in "The Cooper-Hofstadter Polarization." 8 PM on 13 CBS

Sweethearts no more? The love affair between The Bachelor: London Calling's Matt Grant and Shayne Lamas has ended. Just two days after Page Six reported Lamas had cheated on Grant with Las Vegas media mogul Justin Weneger, Lamas phoned Grant and called off the coupling. **PAGESIX.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Britney to pay K-Fed

SETTLEMENT Britney Spears' custody settlement with her ex-husband Kevin Federline, in which he retained sole custody of the couple's two sons, came at a price, People.com reports.

A source close to the singer confirms she'll now pay Federline $20,000 US a month in child support, an increase from $15,000.

Federline's lawyer, Mark Vincent Kaplan, also demanded and received $250,000 for his work on the case, the source adds.

"All Britney was seeking was a formalization of her increased visitation that she's obtained over recent weeks, and the additional overnight," the source said. "She won both of those requests."

Spears, who is represented by lawyer Laura Wasser, currently sees her sons twice a week with one overnight. The source adds that she will get an additional overnight by year's end, barring any setbacks.

At a press conference following Friday's hearing, Kaplan declined to address any monetary settlement.

"This has been a long ordeal (for Kevin)," Kaplan said, "and for it to be over makes him very happy."

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Jolie, twins leave hospital

HEADING HOME Angelina Jolie and her twins left the hospital early Saturday, a week since she gave birth to Knox Leon and Vivienne Marcheline, People.com reports.

"Angelina Jolie left the Clinic Santa Maria of Fondation Lenval early in the morning of July 19th," hospital rep Nadine Bauer confirmed to People.

"The mother and babies are doing very well."

There were only a few journalists camped outside the Fondation Lenval hospital in Nice, France, early Saturday morning but even they didn't know for sure when Jolie slipped out of the hospital with her twins at 4 a.m. local time.

Jolie and the newest Jolie-Pitts left Lenval to join their excited siblings — Maddox, 6; Pax, 4; Zahara, 3; and Shiloh, 2 — at Chateau Miraval, the enormous and luxurious chateau in Correns, France, that Jolie and partner Brad Pitt rented in May.

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Madonna upset over bro's book

SIBLING RIFT Madonna is devastated her brother Christopher Ciccone has written a tell-all book about her life, according to the superstar's estranged sibling.

Speaking on U.K. TV show Gmtv on Friday, Ciccone revealed: "We do still email but we haven't spoken (since the book was published).

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celebrity brief

Aniston shelling out for Mayer?

BEAUTY Jennifer Aniston has reportedly been spending $80,000 US a month on her appearance, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 39-year-old actress is allegedly worried her younger boyfriend, John Mayer, 30, will leave her for a younger woman and so has been splashing out to maintain her looks and figure.

The sum reportedly includes $2,000 on a personal chef and $1,500 for one-on-one yoga sessions with Los Angeles' top instructor, Mary Ingber.

"Jennifer doesn't have time to prepare her own healthy meals, so she's signed up with this organic, high-protein, low-fat meal delivery service," a source said. Aniston has reportedly been shelling out on beauty treatments costing her hundreds of dollars a time.

A source added to Britain's Grazia magazine: "Jen invests up to $600 a month on maintaining her hair too."

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Troyer settles sex tape lawsuit

PEOPLE Actor Verne Troyer has settled a $20-million US lawsuit against the distributor and website which published his sex tape, imdb.com reports.

The footage — featuring Troyer's ex girlfriend Ranae Shrider — hit the internet last month, and Troyer successfully fought to have the tape removed from TMZ.com, which posted the video. Shrider has confessed to deliberately handing the video over to the media, claiming she acted in revenge after the Austin Powers star allegedly cheated on her — which the actor denies. She also defended her right to release the footage, insisting she is a partial owner.

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celebrity brief

Hayek, fiancé axe engagement

CANCELLED Salma Hayek has ended her engagement to billionaire Francois-Henri Pinault, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Hayek gave birth to their daughter Valentina in September.

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Kate won't butt out

PEOPLE Kate Moss is refusing to quit smoking, insisting "it's who I am," imdb.com reports. She says, "I don't want to create a phony facade. I think I just have to be myself, or I'd just be a paranoid mess."

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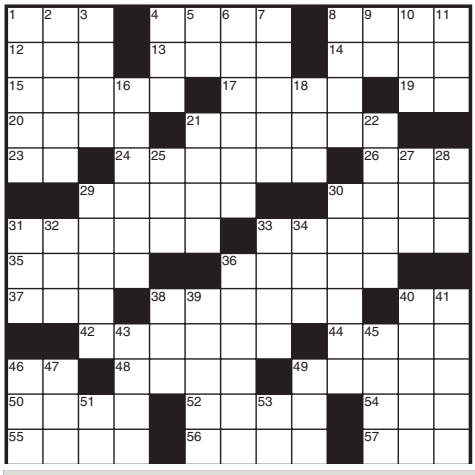
Memorial Actors Billy Crystal, right, and Robert De Niro are spearheading a campaign to build a memorial for the victims of the 9/11 attacks in New York. Crystal has been named director of National September 11 Memorial and Museum Foundation. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Take Five



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31 Brut
32 — — moment's notice
33 Look good on
34 Son of Prince Valiant
36 Package
38 Swimsuit half
39 Like a tablet
40 Go biking
41 Ice-skating leaps
43 Kind of school
45 Margarita ingredient
46 Cozy seat
47 Wildebeest
49 Guy's date
51 Chicago Cubs org.
53 Refrain syllable

previous day's answer

O	P	T		C	R	A	B		B	I	R	D
O	O	H		H	O	B	O		L	A	I	R
P	R	O	B	A	B	L	Y		I	N	D	Y
S	T	U	F	F		E	S	P	N			
			L	E	A			R	I	A	T	A
N	I	N	A		B	O	D	Y		J	A	W
A	B	E	T		B	R	A		Y	A	L	E
M	E	A		A	Y	E	S		A	R	C	S
E	X	P	E	L			H	U	H			
			S	P	U	N		M	O	O	S	E
Y	E	A	S		P	O	T	B	O	U	N	D
A	G	U	A		T	R	E	E		R	I	G
P	O	K	Y		O	M	A	R		S	P	Y

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This day in history

JULY 21, 1865: In the market square of Springfield, Missouri, Wild Bill Hickok shoots Dave Tutt dead in what is regarded as the first true western showdown.
JULY 21, 1960: Sirimavo Bandaranaike becomes the first woman prime minister in the world, making her the first elected female national leader in the world (Sri Lanka).
JULY 21, 1969: Neil A. Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin become the first men to walk on the Moon, during the Apollo 11 mission.
JULY 21, 1983: The world's lowest temperature is recorded at Vostok Station, Antarctica at −89.2°C (−129°F).
JULY 21, 2007: Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows was released at 00:01 worldwide, the book broke sales records as the fastest-selling book ever, selling more than 11 million copies in the first 24 hours.

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Truth is found in thoughtless actions. An obligation is mentioned in a clever story. Confirm your role and resentment will ease.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't pressure yourself about personal conflicts. A whiner enables you to blossom. A man will have all the answers.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Observer reveals the truth. Calm your emotions when dealing with a puzzling situation. Don't laugh when a scoundrel overhears gossip.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A wounded egotist takes out rage on innocent people. A family crisis will pass. Provide support during an unexpected health crisis.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
It's OK to differ with a dark-haired man. There'll be improvements after a decision is made. Loneliness and alienation will pass.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You'll get welcome news about a younger person. Be emotionally detached when making a choice. Time is running out for a blonde.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Don't feel stricken if nobody wants to mingle. A captivating person will take a drastic step. Don't fall in love with an overwrought person.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
Time will heal every wound. An exceptional event comes to a conclusion. A manager becomes a persuasive fiend.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
Healing occurs in a stimulating encounter. A good friend will be depressing. There's a happy journey to be taken.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A legal issue begins to irritate. Get in on the action by being open minded. A fantastic event isn't what it seems.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A companion needs your imagination. This isn't the right time to talk about eagerness. Something silly occurs between friends.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
A crisis occurs when the truth comes out. A gloomy woman demands answers. There's a chance to improve the status quo.

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Sudoku

		8		7			1	
					1			
5			3		4		6	
8	7		5			9		
	1						4	
		6			2		7	3
	3		8		7			5
			4					
	4			2		1		

INSTRUCTIONS:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

7	6	1	2	8	5	4	3	9
2	9	4	1	6	3	5	7	8
8	5	3	4	7	9	6	1	2
9	1	2	7	4	6	3	8	5
4	8	6	3	5	2	1	9	7
3	7	5	8	9	1	2	6	4
6	2	8	5	1	7	9	4	3
1	3	7	9	2	4	8	5	6
5	4	9	6	3	8	7	2	1

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:
Under 13 . . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21 . . . . . Smart
21-25 . . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practicing

Ottawa weather

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Afternoon	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
70%		60%	80%	40%
Thunder-storms. 26°	Partly cloudy. 18°	Showers. 25°/17°	Rain. 24°/16°	Showers. 24°/15°

Temperature
Normals
High: 26.2°
Low: 15.2°

Records
High: 36.7°/1955
Low: 7.8°/1992

Sunrise: 5:35 a.m.
Sunset: 8:42 p.m.
Moonset: 9:02 a.m.
Moonrise: 10:16 p.m.

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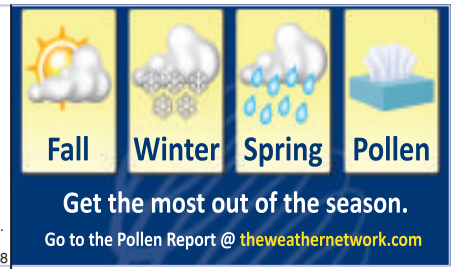

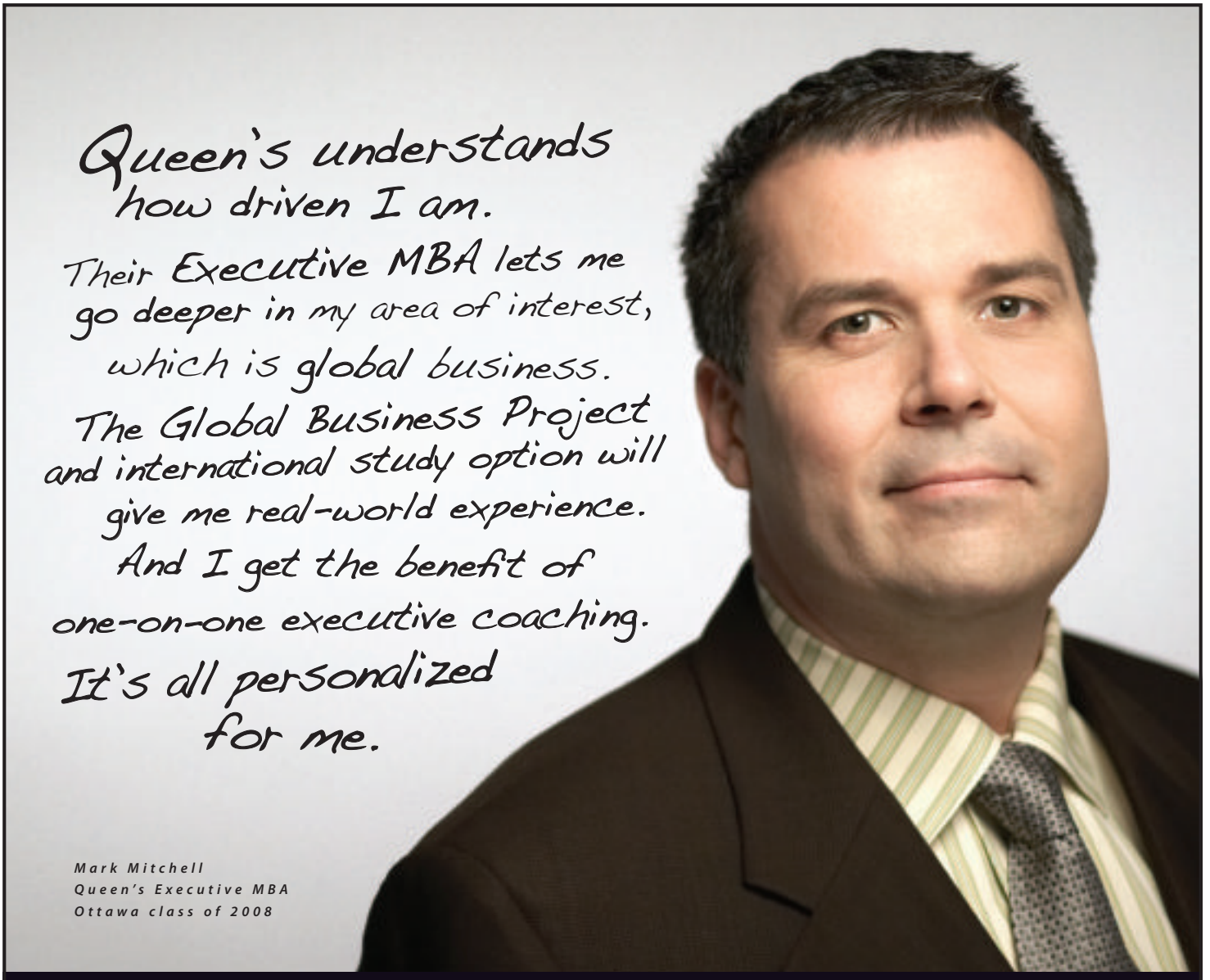
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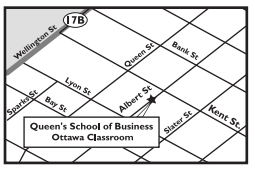

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